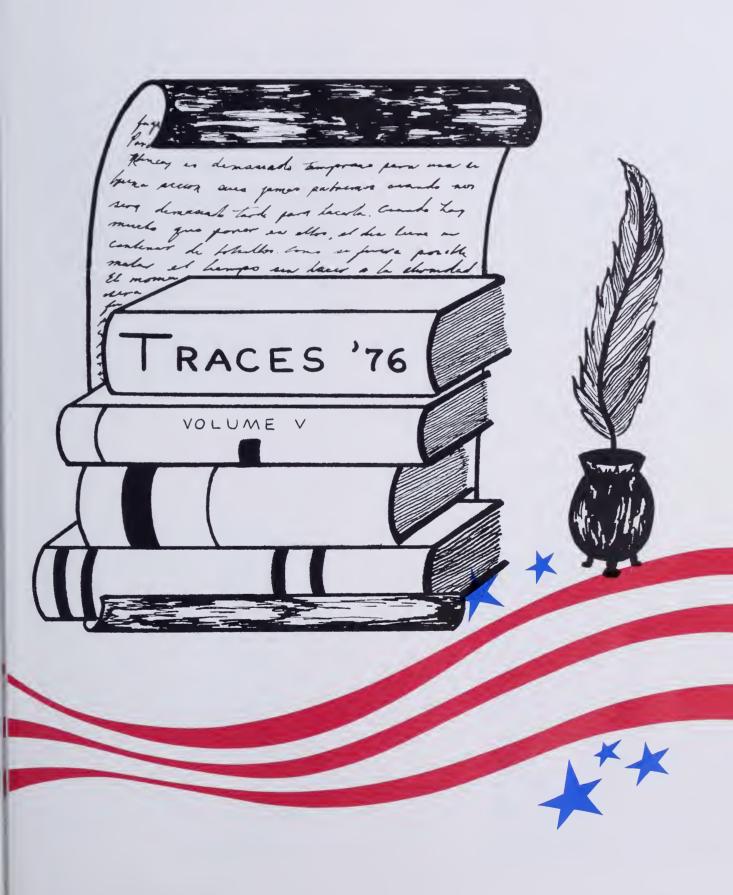


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D E D I C A T I O N









The principal of Park View, like many people in authority, has a great deal of responsibility and a limited amount of time. Yet the most important thing the principal of Park View gives to his students is his time.

Much of his time is taken up with actions that may seem trivial and they are sometimes unappreciated. Added up, though, these actions show an involved person who cares about those around him.

In the morning he takes the time to announce and praise the efforts of the various organizations of the school. He also recognizes and commends the achievements of the individual.

He makes the time to listen to our criticisms, questions and ideas. He fistens to us not only in his office but in the halls, in the cafeteria, and out on the school grounds between classes or after school

He takes the time to greet a student in the halls and to learn a student's name. He understands the occasional monotony of classes by giving five-minute breaks.

He does not have to do these things; they are not required. Because he takes the time to be interested and to care, the yearbook staff dedicates Traces '76 to Lewis F. Morris, Principal of Park View Senior High School.

TIME ENCOMPASSES ...





ALL PEOPLE,























DIVIDED INTO THE FAMILIAR UNITS OF SECONDS, MINUTES, AND HOURS, IT ALSO EXPLORES . . .









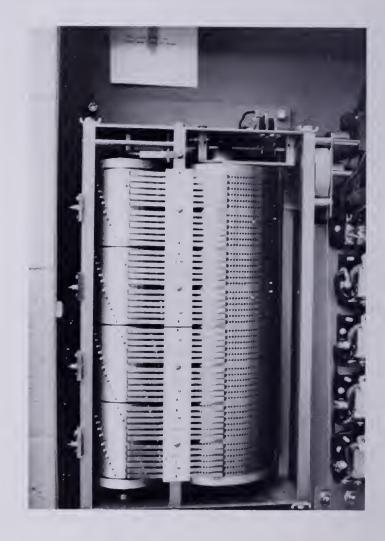
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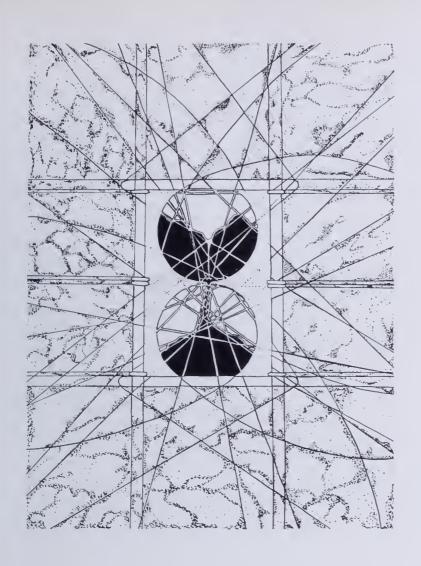




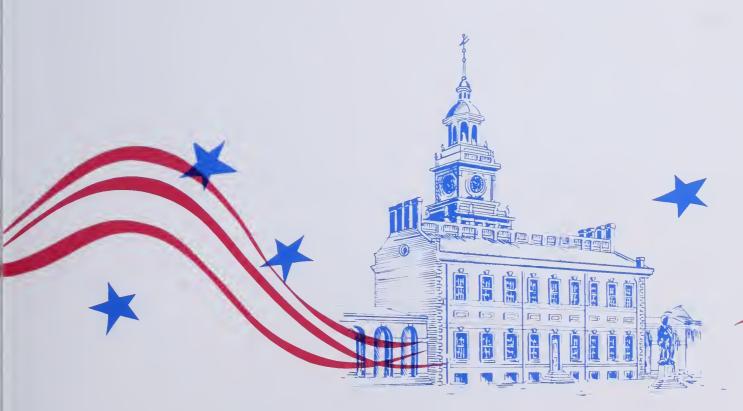




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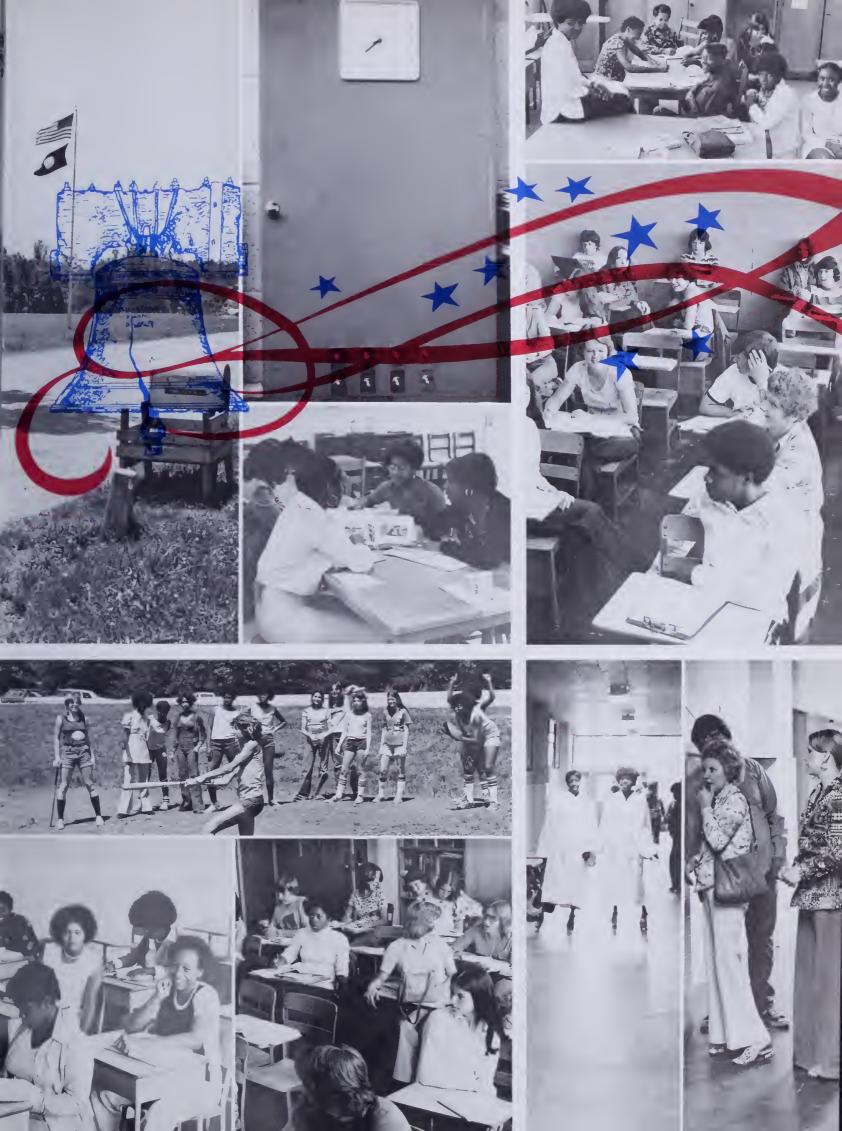
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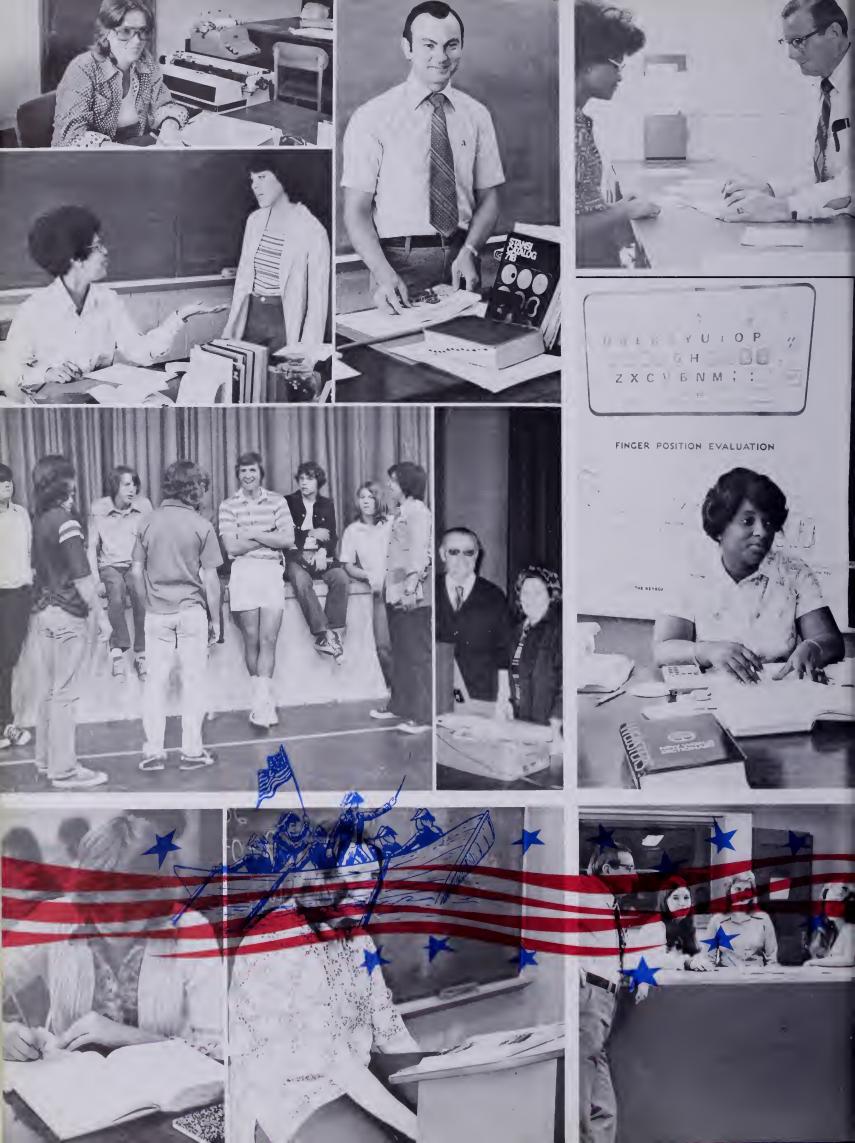


FRAGMENTS OF TIME ...



Since Park View opened its doors for the first time in 1955, not many things have changed. Students complain about homework and teachers complain about grading papers. Students still attend concerts and the Junior-Senior Prom. They compete for recognition in debate, sports, and academics. They receive report cards, class rings, and diplomas and keep programs, tickets, and mortarboard tassels. Although they may not think or dress exactly like the students of 1955, the students of 1976 keep many of the same traditions.

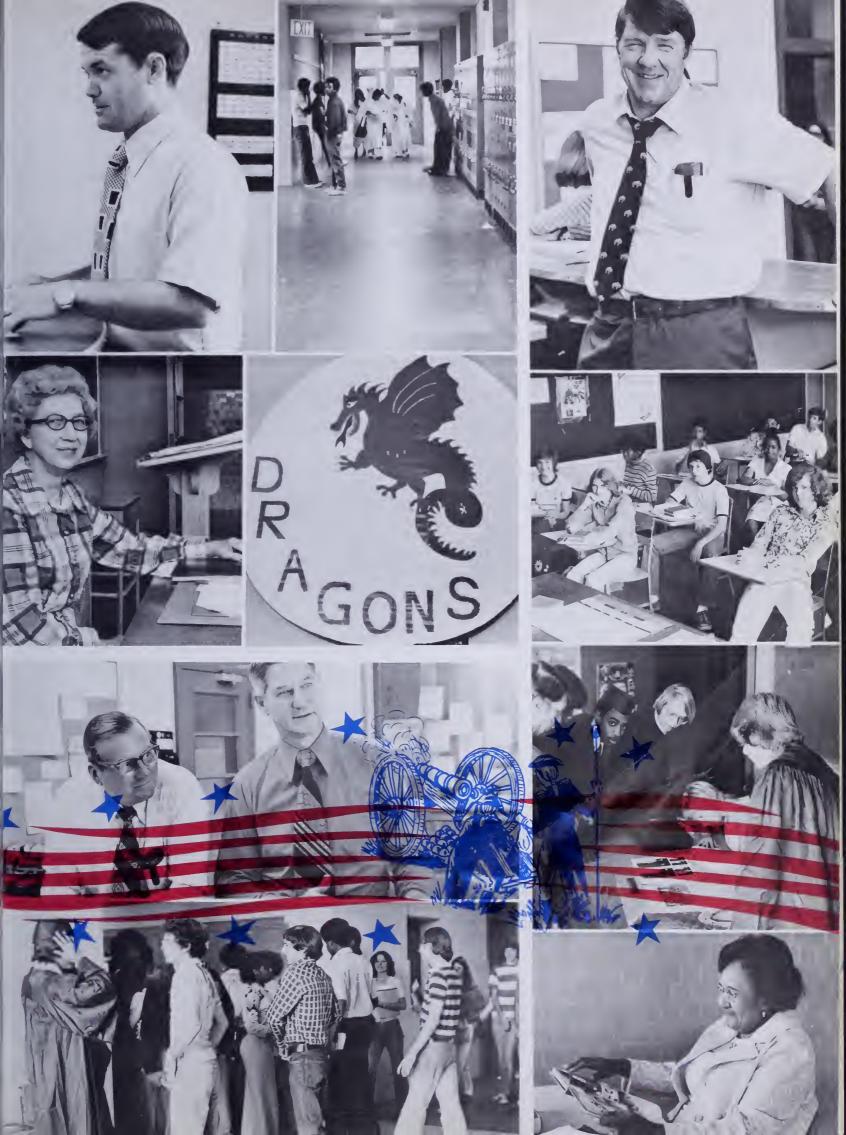












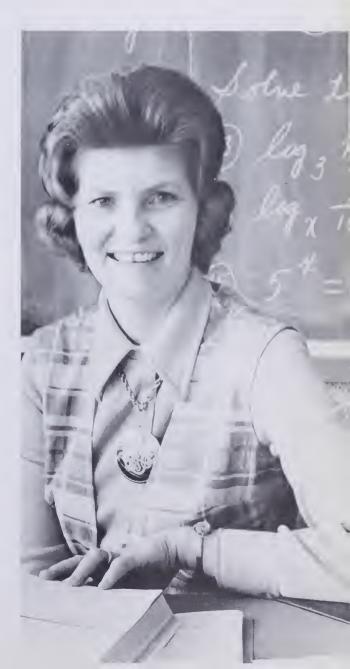






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John A. Best Assistant Principal



Diane B. Harris Guidance Director



Lucille Jones Guidance Counselor



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Pam Wells Guidance Secretary



Patricia Santore Office Secretary



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Anna S. Robinson English 11 & 12 Forensics & Debate



Mrs. B. P. Lumpkin English 10



N. T. Simmons English 10



Mrs. Margaret M. Smith English 11 & 12 Drama Club



Virginia B. Boswell English 10 Latin I & II



Patricia L. Kibler English 11, French II & III, Girls' Basketball & Softball



Eddie Crowder Geometry & Business Math Football & Baseball



Leo W. Allen Biology



James K. Martin Chemistry & Biology Basketball & Football



Patty B. Wilson
Algebra I, Algebra II & Trigonometry,
Advanced Math



Ms. Gwendolyn Howell Physics



James P. Wise Biology Track



Dan R. Harris Band



Deborah Lawrence Choir Musical



Mrs. Jean Simmons Art



Millie B. Bracey Government Beta Club



L. M. Jones U. S. History Government



Almena L. R. King U. S. History Sociology



Lucinda Smith U. S. History SCA



Jo Ann W. Crews Typing I & II



Margaret McAlevy Physical Education Cheerleaders



Mac T. Wilson Business Law General Business Typing I



Arlene M. Walker Shorthand I General Business



Christine J. Ferguson
Accounting
Office Practice, Typing I



Randy Richardson Physical Education Basketball and Track



Myrtle C. Dabney Home Economics FHA



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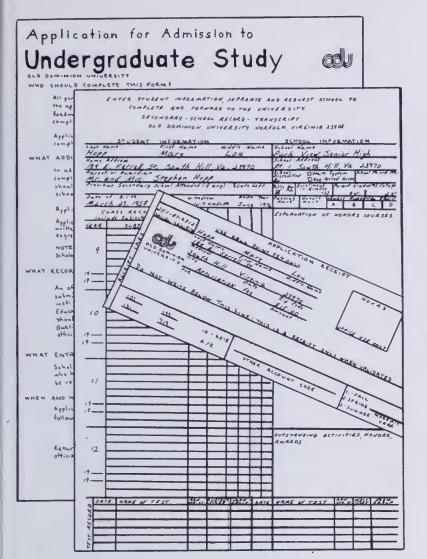


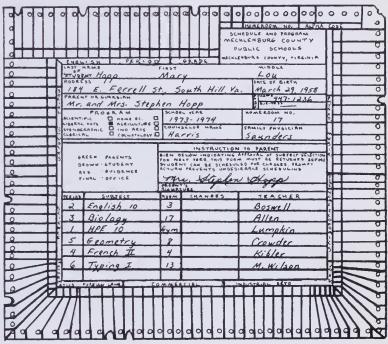
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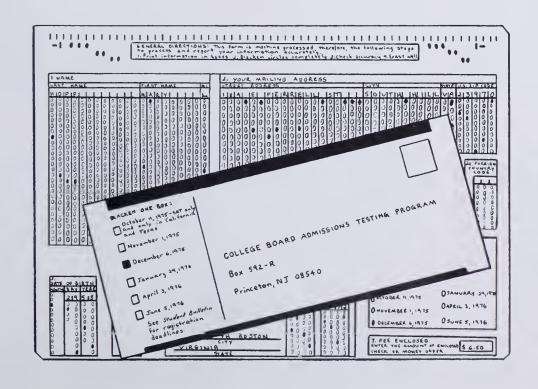
Marie T. Tucker

As a teacher of business subjects, Mrs. Tucker guided students both in and out of the classroom. We will always remember with respect, her patience, her quiet authority, and her dedication to her profession.





CLASSES



CLASS OF '76



The Senior Class officers for 1975-76: Pres. Odessa Skipwith; Vice-Pres. Rugena Jones; Sec. Trudy Gentry; Treas. Brenda Walker.



Charles Alexander



Marie Alexander



Patrice Alexander



Mary Allen



Milton Allen









Brenda Bentley



William Bing



David Amsberg

Michael Boyd



Jeanette Bracey



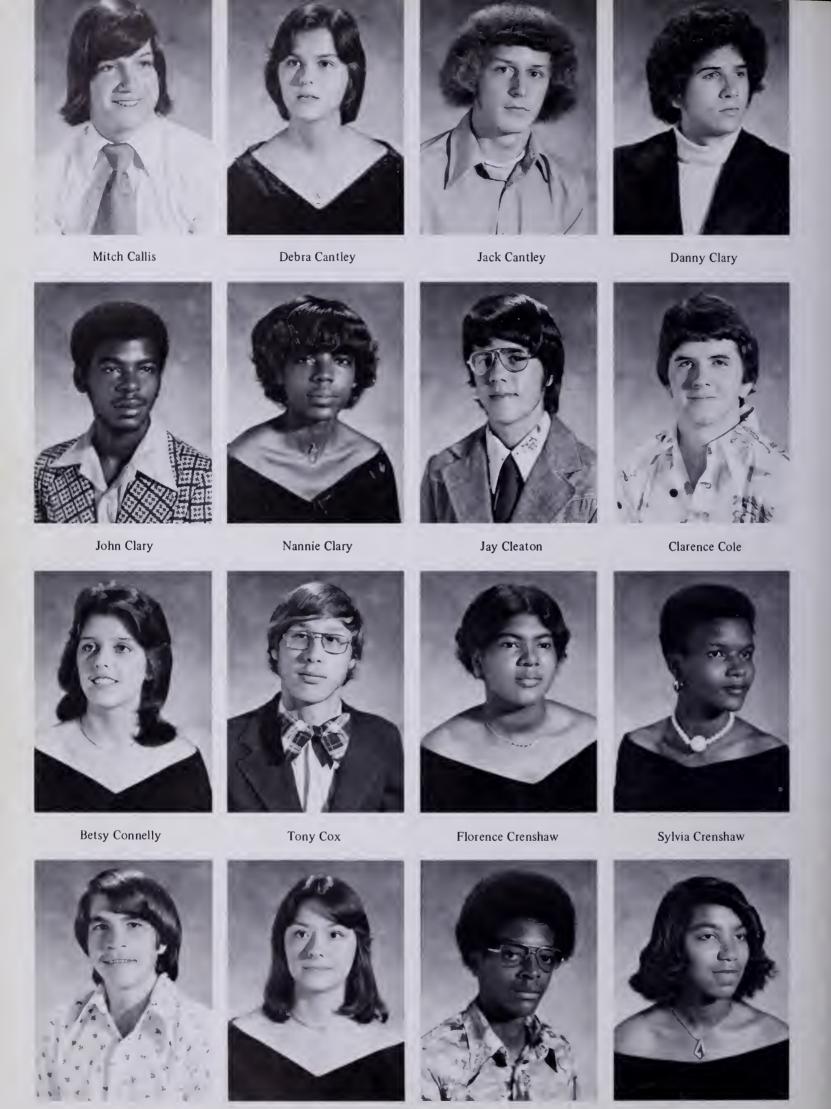
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Mary Brown



Ora Brown



Anthony Davis

Janice Davis

Robin Croft Darlene Crutchfield



Wanda Davis



Mike Dawson



Charles Dortch



Charlotte Dortch



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Nancy Edmonds



Terry Edmonds



Cary Estes



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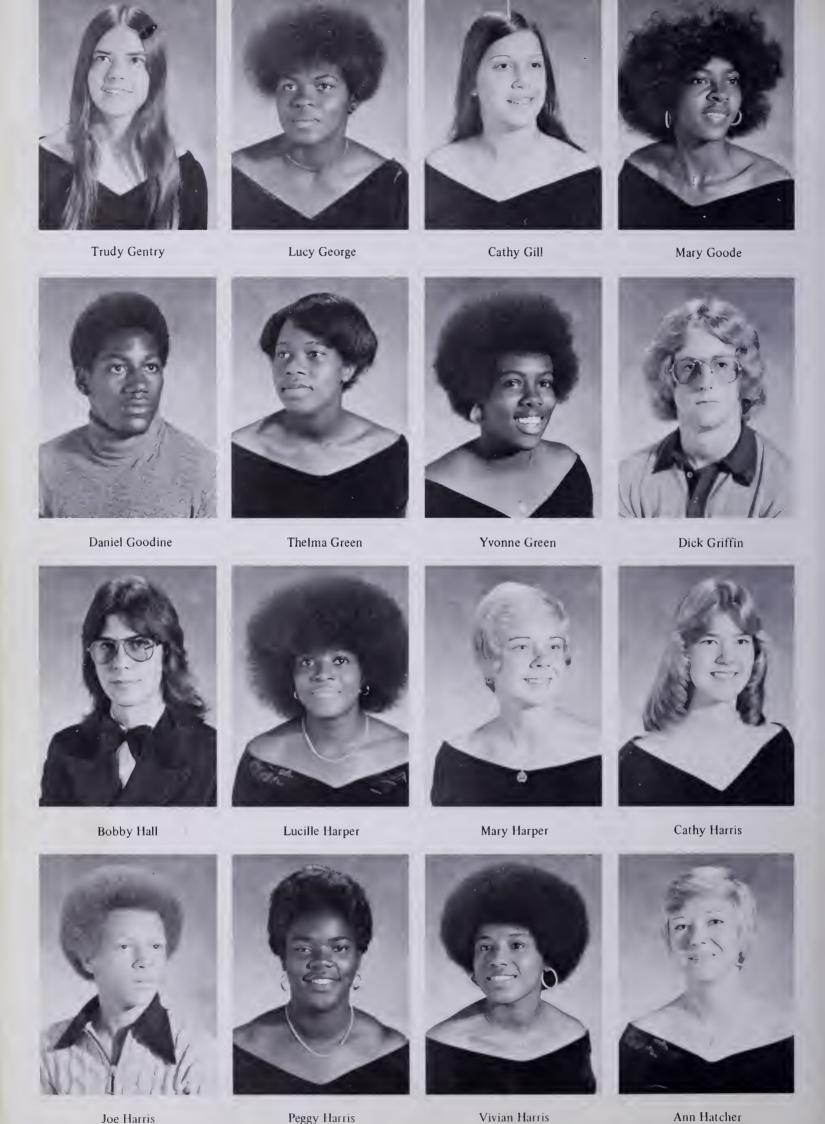
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Eric Fuller



Peggy Harris Vivian Harris Joe Harris



William Hayes



Tyrone Hicks



Alice Hite



Sandra Holmes



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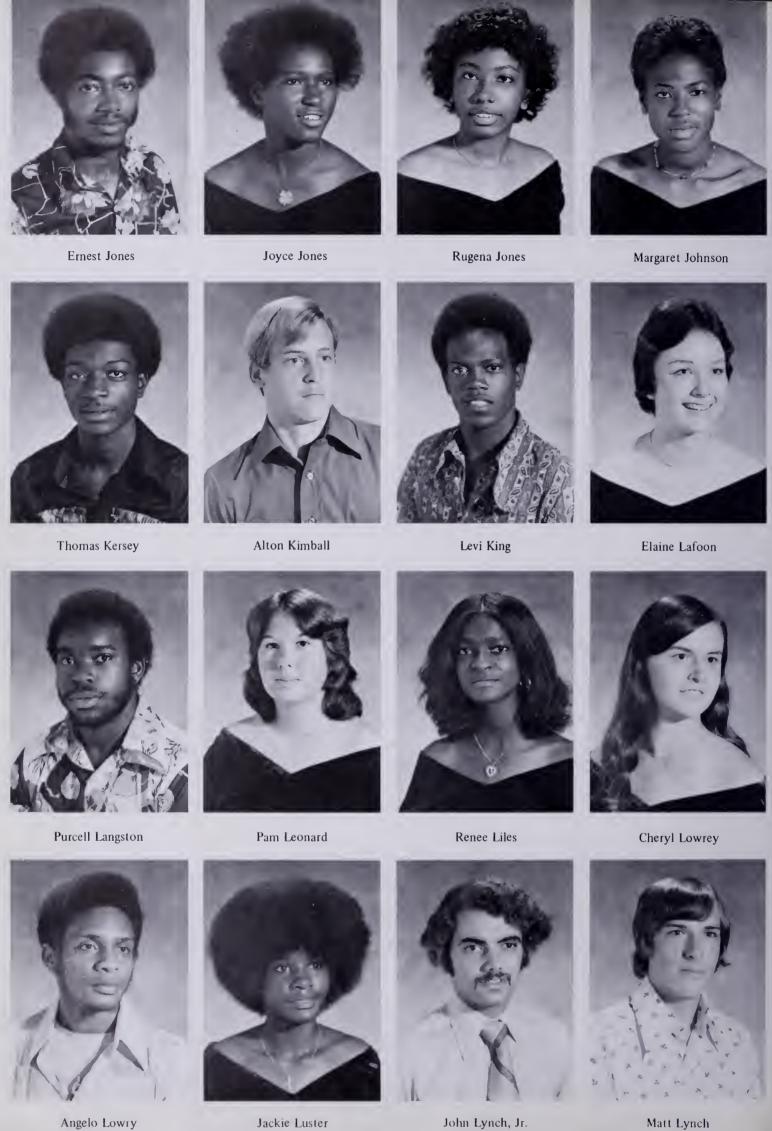
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Veronica Jiggetts



Alonzo Jones





Shelia Macklin



Willie Macklin



Jimmy Martin



Michael Martin



Carrie Marrow



John Mayo



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David Miller



Elaine Mitchell



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Bonnie Poythress



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Raymond Puryear



Houston Ragsdale



Darlene Reece



Ronnie Reece



Walter Rogers



Diane Russell



Joan Russell



David Sadler



Christine Sallie



Russell Sallie



William Sallie



Debbie Shoop



Gladys Skipwith



Ann Smith



Joan Smith



Lanette Smith



Lillian Smith



Jerry Sparkman



Dale Starke



Dennis Starke



Patricia Talley



Coraleen Thomas



Ricky Thomason



Helen Thompson



Catherine Thorne



Jenny Tisdale





Wayne Townes



Debbie Tucker



Wayne Tucker



Robin Waid



Bobby Walker



Brenda Walker



Lynn Walker



Mary Walker



Linda Warren



Rex Watson



Shelby Watson



Karen Wilson



Mary Wilson



Phyllis Winckler



Scott Wright





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Therefore, each individual sonly alloted a ertain amount of time in which to accomplish his dream, to seek his place among others,

o live.



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CLASS OF '77



Junior Class Officers Pres. Debra King: Vice-Pres. Perry Evans, Sec. Robin Robinson; Treas. Betty Minor.





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Gaymon Alexander

George Allgood

Jimmy Allgood













































Sharon Berg Wanda Biedender Kevin Bishop Patricia Bishop Tim Bowers











Andora Boyd Connie Boyd Shirley Boyd Mary Bracey Ronald Bradner











Lisa Braswell Braxton Brown Carrie Brown John Brown Patricia Brown











Eddie Bugg Vicki Carroll Kenneth Cassada Calvin Clary Charles Coleman











Frank Coleman Pearl Coleman Mike Conner Patsy Connor Sylvester Cook











Darlene Corum Paul Cox Glenn Creedle Marilyn Crenshaw Mike Crickenberger

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David Horne

Allen Hudgins

Erica Hudson

Lindale Jackson

Margaret Jackson











Michael Jackson
Robert James
David Javier
Carolyn Jiggetts
Willis Jiggetts











Cindy Johnson

JoAnn Johnson

Calvin Jones

Cephus Jones

Jackie Jones











Norma Jones
Reps Jones
Wanda Jones
Kuy Kelly

































Kevin Crowder Dale Cutler Lawanna Dunson Carole Edmonds Perry Evans











Queen Evans Dale Ezell Mona Ezell James Farrar Laverne Feggins











Tammy Fitchett Mary Fletcher Shirley Fletcher Danny Frederick Kendall Gee











Lucy George James Ghee Daniel Goodine Ricky Gosney Eleanor Gregory











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Susie Reese
Vickie Reese
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Debbie Reid











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Gloria Rhoads
James Rhoads
Charles Robinson
Clifton Robinson











James Robinson
Robin Robinson
John Rose
Tammy Russell
Rosalind Sallie











Pete Sanders

Estelle Shearin

Bernard Simmons

Michael Simmons

Sterling Simmons











Jerry Smith

John Smith

Kenneth Sturdivant

Sarah Sturdivant

Carolyn Talley

































Linda King Wilbert Lambert Freddy Langhorn Anthony Luster David Lynch









Warren Martin Nancy Matthews Patsy Mayer Joe McDowell Sandra McElroy









Edna McFail Debby Melton Clifton Merritt Betty Minor Vantenia Montague











Alan Mosely Susan Moseley Donna Moss Karen Nanney Launa Ogburn











Bubba Overton Charlotte Patterson Alma Parrish Margaret Parson D. J. Powell











Tim Powell Mary Pryor Shirley Pryor Lawrence Puryear Patricia Rainey

Robert Thorne

Everdean Tisdale

Viola Tisdale

John Tudor

Eunice Valentine











Nannie Valentine

David VanName

Wendy Vaughan

Erin von Grabill

Darlene Walker











Hazel Walker

Kenneth Walker

Pat Wall

Becky Watkins

Taylor Waston











Robert Webb
Thomas Wilkinson
Daniel Williams
Jody Williams
Valerie Williams











Wanda Winckler

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Martha White

Joe Whitehead

Steve Whitten



























THE SILENT TOUCHES OF TIME







IN MEMORIAM

"The moment may be fleeting but our memory of it will endure for all time."

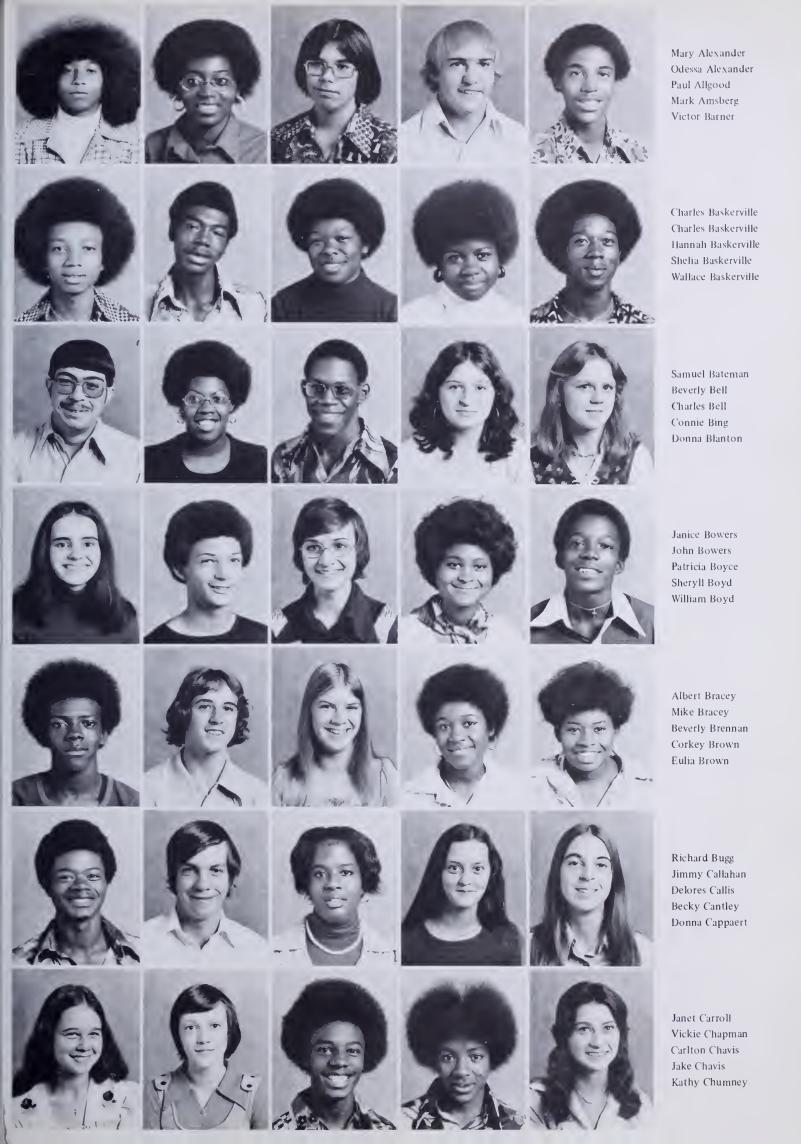


Michael Gearhart

CLASS OF '78



Class Officers: President Frankie Crenshaw; Vice President Grace Macklin; Secretary Michael Sparkman, Treasurer Jeff Cleaton.



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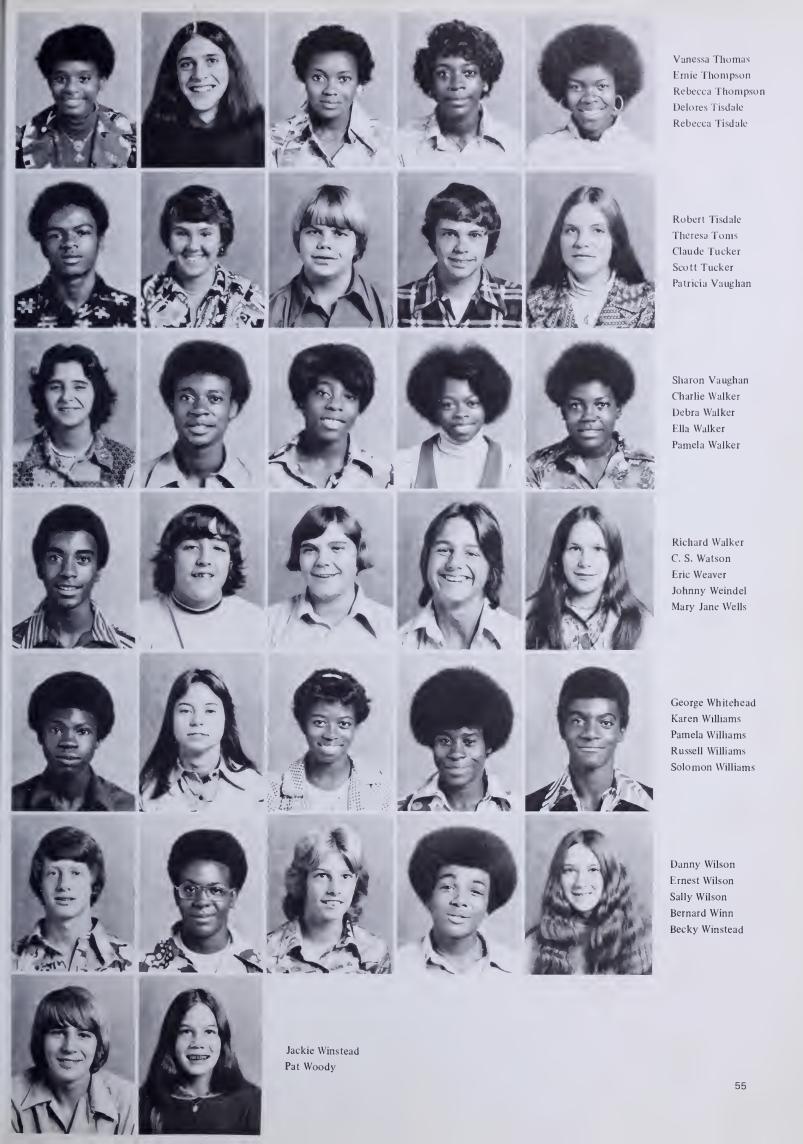
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Barbara McKnight



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Mary Thomas









Kathryn Shufford is crowned homecoming Queen by principal, Lewis F. Morris.

HOMECOMING



Kim Holt escorted by Brian Holt, sponsored by the FFA.



Debra King escorted by Mickey Piercy, sponsored by the Beta Club.



Toni Moore escorted by Richard Chidaster, sponsored by the SCA



Elaine Mitchell escorted by Barry Carter, sponsored by the Yearbook Staff.



Trudy Gentry escorted by Ernie Tanner, sponsored by the GAA



Debbie Shoop escorted by John Ferguson, sponsored by the Senior Class.



Patricia Talley escorted by Chuck Dortch, sponsored by the BAA



Renee Talley escorted by Glenn Jones, sponsored by the FHA



Betsy Connelly escorted by Douglas Ezell, sponsored by the Drama Club.



Jackie Jones escorted by Andrew Davis, sponsored by the Junior Class.





THE PROM ...









. THAT ALMOST WASN'T



The tradition that the Junior class should show deference to the Senior class by giving them a prom is a long-held one at Park View. However, this Bicentennial year brought about a drastic change in this school activity.

Time brings about changes in sentiment, spirit, and pride. Perhaps this factor contributed a great deal to the failure of the Junior class of 1976 to uphold its duties to the Senior class.

However, the Senior class refused to accept the ultimate result; that is, a prom with no decorations. The long-held tradition was partially reversed; the Senior class provided the effort needed to produce decorations. The final week before the prom was filled with the hustle and bustle of last-minute decisions, themes, and preparations. Leftover streamers, crepe paper, and ornaments were utilized to a great extent, resulting in the transformation of the Park View gym into a "Spring Horizon."



SALUTE TO BROADWAY



Betsy Connelly and Jeff Cleaton in a scence from WEST SIDE STORY.



Debo Lawrence thrills the audience with the theme from CABARET.



Beth Martin and Kevin Crowder perform "I Loved You Once In Silence" from CAMELOT.



Wilson Powell and the men from the Chorus sing "Old Man River" from the musical SHOW-BOAT.



Mr. Dan Harris sings "Edelweiss" from THE SOUND OF MUSIC.



The chorus opens the show with the ever-popular song, "There's No Business Like Show Business".



Alumnus Tony Allgood sings George M. Cohan's famous tune, "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy."



"How To Handle A Woman" from the show CAMELOT is sung by alumnus Ed Taylor.



Coraleen Thomas sings "Can't Help Lovin' That Man of Mine" from SHOW-BOAT.



The show closes with the chorus singing "Let the Sun Shine" from the hit musical HAIR.



For the last time in their high school career, the seniors march into the gym to begin the commencement exercises.

GRADUATION '76



The first Senior to receive the well-earned diploma is Marie Alexander.



The concert choir bids the Seniors farewell with "The Impossible Dream" while Debo Lawrence advises "Climb Every Mountain."



Commencement speaker Trudy Gentry tells the graduating class to live "Life With A Purpose."



Senior Carl Baskerville informs the graduates that although they are leaving school, "Education Never Ends."



The graduating class of 1976 lines up in the school halls to begin their procession into the gym. As always, there is some last-minute clowning around.



After that long practice rehearsal on the hill, complete with carrying chairs up from the school, students had to graduate in the gym because of excessive rain.



Junior ushers for graduation are Sharon Berg, Darlene Corum, Wanda Reese, and Debra King.

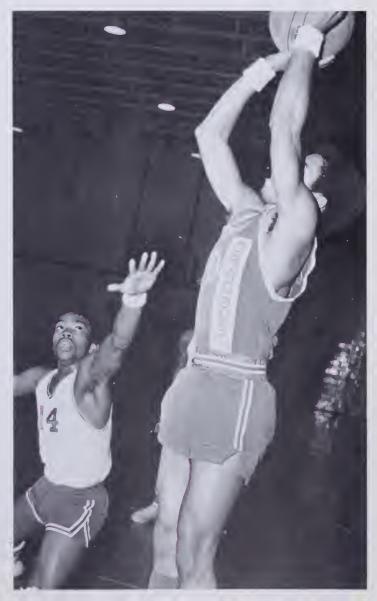






SPORTS







Johnny Thomas pushes hard to gain valuable yardage.



Where's the ball?

НОМЕ	-	OPP.
12	John Graham	0
6	Norlina High	14
26	Brunswick	0
26	Central	21
6	Randolph-Henry	17
12	Bluestone	12
12	Dinwiddie	30
6	Greenville	32
0	Nottoway	33

DRAGONS

The "DRAGONS" football squad was young, inexperienced, and small this year. There were a number of newcomers to the squad, and some older and experienced players lost. The squad worked hard, but the youth and inexperience along with the many injuries they incurred hindered them greatly. Most of the contests they lost, were lost in the last few minutes of the games.



Sparkman receives another pass.



Dragon Co-Captains pursue their enemy.



M. Bacon, W. Bing, A. Bracey, M. Bracey, M. Callis, G. Creedle, K. Crowder, T. Dawson, J. Farrar, D. Goodine, S. Haskins, G. Hicks, R. Jones, J. Kidd, F. Langhorn, C. Legge, M. Martin, J. Minor, M. Mitchell, W. Neal, J. Rhoads, J. Robinson, G. Sparkman, C. Taylor, J. Thomas, J. Weindel, J. Williams, D. Wilson, J. Cantley.



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Hicks shows talent in pushing forward.



Dawson breaks away for touchdown.



Hicks stumbles for the goal line.



Watch my back!



Dawson down again.



Jones makes way for a tackle play.



The way looks clear for Dragon, Mike Dawson, to avoid the enemy.



Dawson hustles to catch a pass.



Dragons fight three-two odds.



Anxious crowd awaits outcome in the rain.



Dragons show power against an offensive player.



Park View runner protects the ball.



Dawson, while in the air, struggles to keep going for yardage.



Dragon co-captains pursue their enemy.



Victory smile from the coach.



Crowder shows coaching strategies.



Goodine misses by seconds having an offensive player down.



Sparkman struggles for inches.



Park Views pulls down a Central Charger.



Toni Moore and two Baronette players show jumping ability.



Estes gets charged by a Central player while Gentry tries to resist.



Toni and Mary struggle for rebound.



Hands go up for the ball.



Now don't fight over the ball. You're on the same team!

DRAGONETTES

Led by tri-captains Mary Allen, Trudy Gentry and Toni Moore the Dragonettes compiled an overall 9-6 record in district and tournament play. The team placed third in the district and in the tournament. Ellen Estes was named to the All-Tournament team while Mary Allen and Trudy Gentry were chosen for the All-District team and the All-Tournament team.

HOME		OPP.
57	Brunswick	44
29	Central	24
47	R-H	41
47	Bluestone	49
56	Greensville	59
60	Nottoway	35
46	Brunswick	47
59	Central	39
51	R-H	52
57	Bluestone	50
54	Greensville	55
57	Nottoway	41
	TOURNAMENT	
64	Central	42
34	Bluestone	42
48	Brunswick	30



Mary Allen, Donna Cappaert, Ellen Estes, Trudy Gentry, Toni Moore, Connie Crowder, Anne Harris, Cathy Harris, Georia Merritte, Doris Montgomery, Debra Smiley, Carolyn Talley. Managers: Mary Harper and Ann Hatcher.



Donna says "Look at me; I had my



Cathy struggles hard to obtain the ball.



Toni is determined to keep a firm grip on the ball.



Mary Allen goes up for two.



Referee declares "jumpball" between Dragonette Ellen Estes and an unidentified Greensville player.



Cathy and Mary struggle for the ball as Ellen steps in to assist.



Trudy tries for 2.



Who will get the ball?



Mary Allen tries for the basket.



Debra Smiley goes for a two-hand shot.



Up, Up, and Away!



Donna "kicks off" for a basket.



Capparaert stretches to block two potential points for the other team.



Coach Pat Kibler gives the girls a few last minute pointers in a suspense-packed game.



Donna struggles for rebound from Baronettes.



Teeth clenched, Ellen mutters "That ball is mine!"



Guarded by a Baronette, Mary shoots from the outside.



Greensville refuses to give up the ball to Toni.



Dragonettes and Baronettes watch in suspense the progress of the ball.



Mary grimaces as Greensville player falls on her.



Who will get the ball?



A TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Earl Alexander, Jack Cantley, James Ghee, Tyrone Hicks, Chris King, Wilbert Lambert, Frederick Langhorn, Wilson Powell, Perry Pulley, Beverly Revis, Michael Simmons, Johnny Thomas.

	PV	
Vance	36	74
Greenville	59	72
Vance	40	62
John Graham	60	78
Bluestone	49	54
John Graham	58	73
Central	81	70
Brunswick	63	89
Nottoway	49	58
Greenville	50	79
Randolph-Henry	79	74
Bluestone	62	85
Randolph-Henry	51	47
Central	51	73
Brunswick	55	76

Park View's A-team had an unsuccessful season despite the hard, diligent work of both the players and the coach. Most of the games were close, only a few points separating the two scores.



Jack Cantley drives for two.



A head-knocking conflict on court.



Coach Martin discusses new play

	P.V.	
Vance High	23	37
Greensville	49	39
Vance High	42	44
John Graham	50	38
Bluestone	50	52
John Graham	57	55
Central	60	38
Brunswick	47	48
Nottoway	58	32
Greensville	65	61
Randolph-Henry	70	54
Bluestone	44	45
Randolph-Henry	62	43
Central	49	48
Brunswick	60	69
Nottoway	54	49

The B-team, consisting of all new members, had an exceptionally good year. The team won ten games and lost only six, with five of the six games being lost by a total of six points. The team placed 3rd in the district.



Chris King concentrates on his aim.



An unidentified Cougar player practices ballet steps as David Louis tries for the basket.



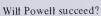
B TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Mark Amsberg, John Bowers, Mike Bracey, Herbert Farrar, Carl Lambert, Tim Legge, David Lewis, Chris King, Anthony Powell, Dwayne Rogers, Kenneth Thomas, Danny Wilson.



Let's hustle, boys!



It's two on one as James Ghee reaches for the ball.







The eye is on John Bowers.



Chris King goes up for two.



Simmons attempts a pass as the enemy moves in.



Dragons use defensive methods against a John Graham player.



There's equal support from both teams.



Wilbert Lambert hangs for two.





9th grader Kenny Williams watches the flight of the discus.



Reps Jones makes it look easy as he clears the high jump bar.



ert Bracey takes to the air in the broad jump.



Albert Bracey checks the height of a hurdle.



Mike Mitchell passes the baton to Albert Bracey in the mile relay.





MEMBERS: E. Harrell, C. Coleman, D. Williams, T. Harris, S. Harper, E. Alexander, A. Bracey, B. Brown, E. Chavis, K. Crowder, J. Farrar, C. Friend, G. Hicks, C. Jones, R. Jones, C. King, F. Langhorne, J. Minor, M. Mitchell, W. Neal, T. Powell, A. Powell, M. Sparkman, C. Terry, J. Thomas, R. Walker, K. Walker, J. Williams, K. Williams, D. Wilson.



Johnny Minor and Earl Alexander finish 1 and 2 in the 220 dash.



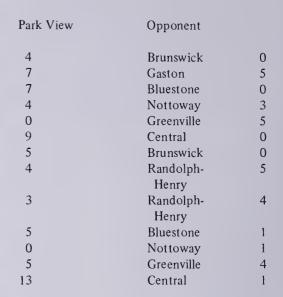
Throwing the shot, Jody Williams strains for extra



Mike hustles for a score.



Mike Dawson throws up his hands as Roger Poythress slides into home.





Mike Bracey scoops up the ball.



Jack being checked to first base.



Johnny Cleaton patiently awaits the ball.



Mike Bracey smiles at his catch as Jeff Kidd looks on.



Mike Bracey holds the bat ready for a good pitch.



Jerry shows his stretching ability at practice.



Coach Crowder congratulates pitcher, Jerry Pulley, on fine performance.



The expressions on those girl's faces when they are at bat!











Patsy Mayer experiences a moment of thoughtful solitude.





Well ump. watcha say?



"I've got it," says Connie Crowder.



Brock concentrates on the game.



The tired girls strain on their last sit-up.



Doris Montgomery helps Connie decide what to do with the ball.

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Debbie Piercy attempts a bunt.



Patsy Mayer and Mary Allen in serious conference.



Toni Moore receives congratulations for her homerun.



Mary Harper backs up Coach Kibler's command.







ORGANIZATIONS

"When there is much to put in them, the day has a hundred pockets."

Federico Nietzsche







AUDIO VISUAL WORKERS

The audio visual workers are an essential part of the function of important educational aids in the school. Under the direction of Mr. Best, they help the teachers by taping and showing educational programs to the classes. The audio visual workers are: Penny Talley, Cheryl Boyd, Donald Patillo, Arnold Patillo, Pete Saunders, Martha White, Eddie Bugg, and Donna Capparaert.

GUIDANCE WORKERS

The guidance workers assist Mrs. Harris in her many responsibilities as guidance counselor. They are responsible for locating and checking out vocational and college material for students. They also complete and file paper work and help with the scheduling of classes. The guidance workers are: Pam Moss, Elaine Mitchell, Darlene Reese, Connie Solomon, Donna Moss, Robin Waid, Lanette Smith, Jeanette Bracey.



LIBRARY WORKERS

The library assistants are responsible for various jobs, such as checking out and shelving books and helping students locate information. The members, under the direction of Mrs. Freeman, are: Donna Capparaet, Penny Talley, Erica Hudson, Susan Allgood, Donald Patillo, Irving Brown, Mary Harper, Brenda Bentley, Betty Crowder, Arnold Patillo, Linda Carrillo.

OFFICE WORKERS

The responsibilities of the office helpers are important to the principal and his secretaries. They make intercom announcements, answer the phone, make coffee for their superiors, run errands, and type. The office workers are: Sandra Beck, Gail Piercy, Bonnie Poythress, Patricia Bishop, Wanda Mosely, Lisa Braswell, Debra Hall, Debby Shoop, Delores Alexander, Lacy Howerton, Joyce Jones, Patrice Alexander, Martha White, Arnold Patillo, Donald Patillo, Eddie Bugg, Donna Capparaet.



CHEERLEADERS

Sponsored by Miss McAlevy, the cheerleaders spread school spirit throughout the year. They cheered at the football and basketball games to support the members of the teams. In addition they also participated in the annual parades. The cheerleaders are: Patricia Talley, Tammy Russell, Erin von Grabill, Karen Nanney, Shirley Rogers, Marsha Hardy, Penny Talley, and Beth Martin.



DRAMA CLUB



The Drama Club, directed by Mrs. Smith, participated in the One-Act Play Festival held at Longwood College in Farmville and received an Excellent rating. They presented a Christmas play, "Just What They Wanted", and sponsored a Witch and Warlock contest and the 50's Day.

Carl Baskerville
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Betsy Connelly
Lisa Braswell
Viola Tisdale
Elvia Simmons
Jeff Cleaton
Ramona Harris
Kem Overby
Debra Hall
Donna Moss
Erica Hudson

BAND



Members of Park View's Band learned discipline and diligence from their new director, Mr. Harris, as he encouraged them through innumerable practices. After playing at football games and marching in the Harvest Festival Parade, they presented a Christmas and a Spring concert. To stimulate interest in the organization, the members gave a program to the elementary school children. Their last performance of the year was held at the graduation exercises.

- R. Alexander
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- C. Coleman
- V. Crenshaw
- P. Evans
- L. Farrar
- A. Luster
- J. McDowell
- D. Patillo
- H. Ragsdale
- J. Rose
- S. Whitten
- C. Wright
- S. Baskerville
- F. Crenshaw
- M. Hardy
- G. Harris
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CONCERT CHOIR



Under the direction of Miss Lawrence the Concert Choir was involved in many activities during the school year. They attended the tryouts for the Regional and All-State Choir in Petersburg where Thomas Kersey was awarded first tenor in the All-State Choir. They performed at the different schools in South Hill and they also gave a Spring concert for the public.

SCA



The SCA carried out several activities to enhance their school and community relations. To begin the year they held a used book sale. The members collected canned goods and bought a turkey to distribute to a needy family during Thanksgiving. To benefit the girls softball team and the track team they sponsored a talent show. They also sold candy to help send two SCA members to the State Convention in Harrisonburg. The SCA was directed by Miss Smith.

- L. Howerton
- W. Baskerville
- E. Mitchell
- D. Glasscock
- B. Walker
- Y. Greene
- C. Dortch
- W. Vaughan
- D. Moss
- L. Feggins
- D. Corum
- E. Hudson
- E. Tisdale

- S. Berg
- S. McElroy
- E. Walker
- J. Cleaton
- P. Keesee
- D. Piercy
- L. Crenshaw
- B. Martin K. Evans
- M. Jessup
- E. Simmons
- R. Talley
- C. Boyd

DEBATE AND FORENSICS



Both the affirmative and negative teams placed second in the District competition held by Longwood College, making the team eligible for the Regional competition where both sides place first. Under the guidance of Mrs. Anna Robinson, team members are: Ricky Javier, David Javier, Eddie Bugg, Sally Wilson, Elvia Simmons, Robin Croft, and Chris Moore.

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Robinson, the Forensics Team proved to be talented as the following members placed in the District Regional and State competitions:

Robin Croft . . . Boys Poetry . . . District . . . 1st
Regional . . . 1st
State . . . 2nd

Charlotte Dortch . . . Girls Poetry . . . District . . . 2nd Regional . . . 1st

Darlene Reece . . . Girls Oratory . . . District . . . 2nd Regional . . . 2nd

Dorothy Marx . . . Girls Extemporaneous . . . District . . . 3rd

Ricky Javier . . . Boys Extemporaneous . . . District . . . 2nd

Other participants were Ramona Harris, Pamela Leonard, Steve Whitten and Samuel Bateman.

Scott Wright Susan Jessup Mary Harper Cathy Harris Toni Moore Trudy Gentry Betty Crowder Brenda Bentley Linda Carrillo Tim Harris Barbara Lynn Darlene Walker Jeff Cleaton Carl Baskerville Sharon Berg Chris Moore Elaine Mitchell Brenda Coleman Donna Capparaet Beth Martin Alice Wilson

Pam Keesee Lina Sue Crowder Dorothy Marx Rugena Jones Phil Medlin, Jr. Alvin Parham Robin Waid Pam Moss Ronald Bradner Carolyn Jiggetts Cynthia Corum Karen Nanney Wanda Reece Kendall Gee John Rose Debra King Erin von Grabill Everdean Tisdale Susan Moseley Bonnie Poythress

BETA CLUB



During the year the Beta Club sponsored a concert by Joe McDowell and John Rose. They also performed two pupper shows at the R. T. Arnold Library. The members gave a book scholarship to a graduating Beta Club senior and continued their support of a memorial book shelf.

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P. Harris J. Bowers S. Harris S. Royster W. Jones M. Thomas G. Feggins B. Winstead S. Gaines D. Jiggetts M. Goode J. Talley V. Harris L. Wright S. Baskerville R. Hayes C. Brown S. Shaw F. Cypress B. Edmonds P. Hargrove D. Dunson T. Crawford L. Harper A. Lambert M. Sumpter D. Melton P. Conner G. Merritte C. Corum D. Montgomery S. Allgood E. Parrish D. King D. Glasscock S. Sturdivant C. Hatcher F. Sydnor P. Talley R. Helms

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J. Davis

T. Smith

T. Russell



Under the excellent direction and supervision of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Dabney, many FHA students learned various things about managing a household which will be of great help to them in the future.

FFA

The FFA is the national organization made up of all students enrolled in agriculture. Through active participation, members learn how to conduct and take part in public meetings, to speak in public, to finance themselves through cooperative work.



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M. Johnson

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YEARBOOK

The yearbook staff was plagued by many things this year. Deadlines were missed, pictures didn't turn out, and the well-meaning but absent-minded advisor misplaced numerous important items.

All of this was blamed on the invisible creature, Mulveighney. Mulveighney, the ever-present, hard-working staff member, was in charge of the Department of Disasters. Residing in the file cabinet, he thrived on lists, slide rules, and photographs. Directed by Mr. Kemp, members were Ann Hatcher, Becky Watkins, Cathy Harris, Susan Jessup, Linda Carrillo, Toni Moore, Robin Waid, Pamela Moss, and Philip Medlin, Jr.

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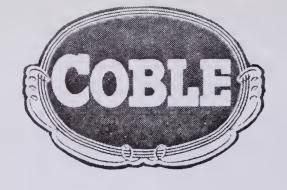
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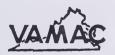
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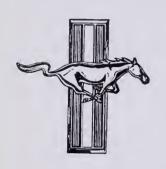
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Edmund Burke 1766



British Stamp Tax Seal 1765

If one were to isolate a single incident which precipitated colonial America's struggle for independence, it would be the Stamp Act of 1765. If there was a point of no return, it occurred with the "Olive Branch" petition of 1775. This ten-year period marked a time in which a nation was fashioned, forged in the heat of frustration on the anvil of the North American continent.

An overwhelming problem facing the British Crown in the 1760's was the financial strain placed upon the English people — a strain furthered, in part, by the maintenance of British troops in the American colonies. The steady expansion westward called for even more troops to protect and secure this new land.



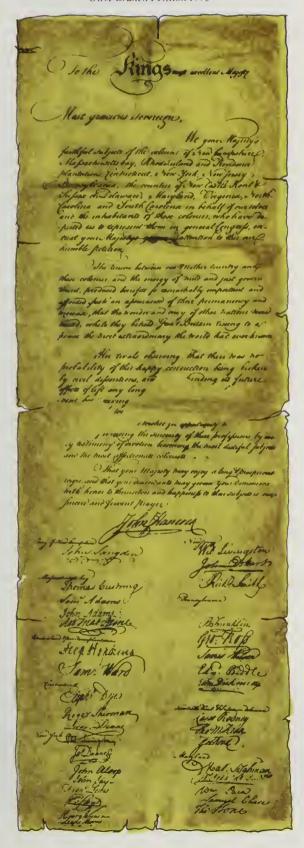
Rebellious Stripes Flag

In 1765, by royal proclamation, King George III closed all land west of the Alleghenies to further immigration and expansion. Parliament, in order to force the colonies "to pay their fair share" for protection, passed the Stamp Act. Although this tax on documents and legal papers amounted only to £60,000 a year, there was instant outcry from the colonies against this internal tax. Many felt that it was one more burden in a list of repressive acts by the Crown.

Fear also existed among English creditors that colonial merchants and planters could not meet their debts and pay this additional tax as well.

The seeds of discontent were spreading through the colonies farther and faster than anyone expected. New problems of enforcing the taxes, conducting trials, and meting out punishments all brought further alarm. In Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Charleston, and even in Williamsburg, apprehension began to run high.

In a fiery speech before the House of Burgesses May 29, 1765, months before the Stamp Act was to go into effect, Patrick Henry "shook the spire of the Capitol" with his verbal assault against the Crown. Many cautious men who heard it, including a young lawyer named



Thomas Jefferson, suggested that "Patrick had come close to treason."

In small groups Virginians began to meet at the Raleigh Tavern and the Bruton Parrish Church to form a resolution. With the help of a colonel from Mount Vernon, George Washington, they framed the Virginia Resolutions. Before long all the colonies were adopting resolves, refusing "taxation without representation."

The spring of 1766 saw the repeal of the Stamp Act. But King George, fearing that other British territories would follow America's lead and refuse to pay their taxes, decided to make an example of the American colonies "by putting them in their place."

"Every man in England seems to consider himself as a piece of a sovereign over America."

Benjamin Franklin 1767

In place of an internal tax, external taxes were levied on such goods as lead, glass, paper, paint and tea. Several other acts, among them the Townshend Act, levying duties and permitting the search and seizure of property, soon became the law. Local government was giving way to control by "men paid by the Crown."



Grand Union Flag

ds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the se

"Caesar had his Brutus, Charles the First his Cromwell, and George the Third may profit by their example. If **this** be treason, make the most of it!"

Patrick Henry 1765

Through the years of 1767-69, tensions seethed just below the surface. Most of the trouble occurred in the port cities and surrounding areas. The press became more unified and more outspoken for colonial rights.



In 1769, George Washington, in an address to the House of Burgesses, called for a set of resolves which stated "only Virginians could tax Virginians." Soon Virginia joined Massachusetts in an importation agreement. The colonies showed unity by boycotting English goods.

By the spring of 1770, after the tally sheets of British merchants showed a strong decline in revenue, the Townshend Act died. All that remained was a small tax on tea. The American patriots still were not satisfied. Skirmishes between the "Sons of Liberty" and British troops garrisoned in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia would occasionally break out, but not until March 5, 1770, was the real spark ignited.

A British sentry was standing his post that night in front of the Commons House in Boston while local toughs taunted him. Several other guards came to assist him and soon the mob had grown to considerable size. A shot was fired and, before order was restored, several colonials were dead or wounded. What soon became known as the "Boston Massacre" was a signal fire to militant radicals like Samuel Adams of Boston. Fanning the flames wherever and whenever possible, the rebels kept alive the spirit of independence.

England remained antagonistic to the cause of independence during 1771-72, steering a middle course with the colonies, trying for some reasonable solution. During this time, however, the Sons



arate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Natures God entitle them, a decent re

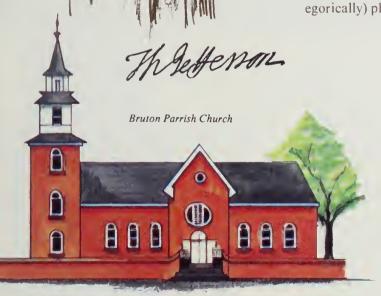
of Liberty continued to exchange ideas through the efforts of the Committee of Correspondence. Formed by Samuel Adams, the Committee used post riders to deliver pamphlets and letters dealing with the latest British offenses, and the newest hopes for colonial freedom. One of the best of these riders was the Boston silversmith, Paul Revere.

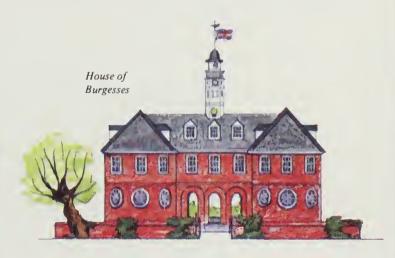
Meanwhile, Benjamin Franklin, Deputy Postmaster General, was in England trying patiently to work out the problems between the Crown and the colonies. It was here that he came into possession of some letters which indicated that



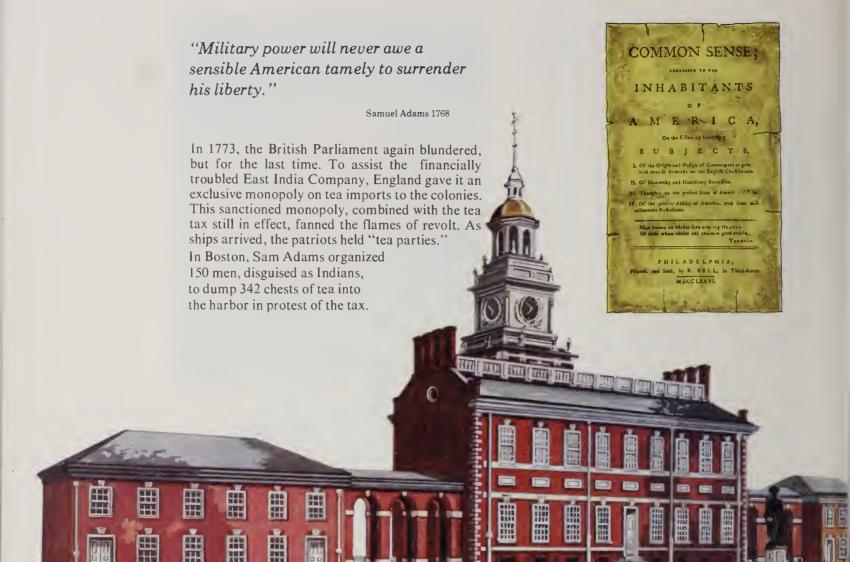
Satist Henry

not all of the problems and questions of the colonies were being forwarded to Parliament; hence the many miscalculations created by the absence of proper information could not be (categorically) placed at the door of Parliament.





ect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to th



Independence Hall - Philadelphia

This act was repeated in other colonial ports and was, according to the British, "the most wanton and unprovoked insult offered to a civil power... recorded in history." King George III knew what had to be done: "Suppress the revolt with troops, do not negotiate, make America obey."

The line had been drawn and the flames assumed the proportions of an inferno.

separation.

In the fall of 1774, delegates from every colony journeyed to Philadelphia to form the First Continental Congress. The time had finally arrived to display some unity of purpose.

Philadelphia, a booming city of 30,000, greeted her visitors with the jubilant sound of pealing church bells.

After much arguing and heated debate on pro-



cedures and voting rights, Patrick Henry jumped to his feet, saying, "Let free men be represented by numbers alone . . . there are no distinctions HERE . . . I am not a Virginian, I am an American."

The Congress put forth a set of resolutions similar to Massachusetts' "Suffolk Resolves," stating colonial rights to life, liberty and property, the rights to free assembly and exclusive power to determine taxation and internal policy. Thirteen acts of Parliament were declared illegal. Economic boycotts were to be brought against England, until such time of their repeal. All future imports from England were to cease!

During the winter months of 1774, tension ran high in Boston. More and more of King George's troops arrived. As cold weather also arrived, it became impractical for the troops to quarter on the Commons. General Thomas Gage, the British

Commander, tried to hire labor to build huts, but to no avail. Unemployment was high, the British wages good but few Bostonians responded with any spirit of cooperativeness.



Keeping up the troops' morale was difficult, so marches were made across the bay to "the interior." On one such march, American arms and powder were confiscated by the British at Cambridge and Charlestown; the reaction to these forays was the organization of the Committee of Safety.

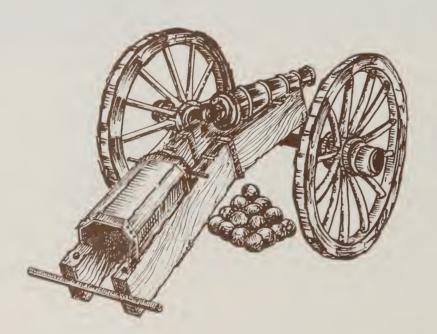
John Hancock, a wealthy merchant and shipper, was selected to head the group. The Committee was given the power to call out the militia — of the entire colony if necessary — at any sign of



distress. Each unit of men had a few who were subject to instant call. They were designated "Minutemen." The Committee set about procuring arms and provisions for up to 15,000 militiamen, choosing Concord as a suitable depot because of its distance from the British troops in Boston.

The spring of 1775 brought British retaliation with new acts forbidding the colonies to trade anywhere except with England or the British West Indies. New England fishing boats were forbidden to fish the North Atlantic waters.

General Gage now faced the difficult task of enforcing these new acts of Parliament while at the same time trying to pacify the Massachusetts colony — an obviously impossible task. The concern of the Committee of Safety was soon





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berty and the pursuit of Happiness - That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted ar



"Perhaps I do not go too far when I say that next to the introduction of Christianity among mankind, the American Revolution may prove the most important step in the progressive course of Human improvement."

Richard Price 1770

aroused by the large troop movements being made outside Boston, and arrangements were made with patriots to warn the Committee if at any time more than 500 British troops left the city's garrison.

On the night of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere, was awakened and warned of British activities. While being rowed across Charles Harbor, Revere looked for and found his signal two lanterns in the spire of Old North Church, the sign that the British were moving in force, by water.

Revere's main objective was to warn John Hancock and Sam Adams, who were staying in the Hancock-Clarke House in Lexington. After doing so he joined William Dawes and Samuel Prescott; soon they were ambushed by a British patrol and Revere was captured. He was later released without his horse. By that time, however, others had warned "every Middlesex village and farm."

General Gage's men were not in the best of moods: being aroused soon after going to bed, rowing across the Charles river, disembarking into knee deep water and standing for two hours in the cold night before marching off to Lexington-Concord had made them anxious, to say



ng Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — That whenever any form a



Old North Church

the least. All night long the sounds of bells ringing in the distance and men running through the woods kept them on edge. Arriving in the early morning on Lexington Green under the command of Captain John Pitcairn, the British troops faced two companies of Minutemen commanded by Captain John Parker.

The situation was not promising for the Americans, so Captain Parker ordered his troops to disband. Major Pitcairn, meanwhile, ordered his men to form a line but "on no account to fire or even attempt it without orders."

Who fired the first shot will never be known, but after the skirmish was over, 8 American patriots lay dead. The remaining militia scattered and the British marched on to Concord.

The Minutemen waiting in the grey dawn along the road into Concord had just received the news of Lexington Green when they saw the approach of the scarlet-coated British troops. The Americans withdrew to a hill to watch the British move into Concord. Major Pitcairn ordered the troops to secure the town and search for hidden arms.

Three companies were sent to hold the North Bridge. From the hill the Americans saw smoke and presumed the town was being put to the torch. They marched on to North Bridge. This time there was no doubt who fired the first shot.

In defense of the bridge, the British fired a charge of volleys; the first American to be killed at Concord was Issac Davis. The fire was most accurately returned, and soon the British were routed. As they began falling back, fresh patriots were arriving from distant places to replace others who "ran out of powder and went home."

Considering the number of shots fired, the casualties were relatively few; only 72 soldiers were killed of the more than 2,000 men who had been fired upon.



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By mid-May these new troops formed the New England Army. In Boston General Gage waited patiently and passively for the hour of conflict.

It came on May 10, 1775, with an assault on old Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain. Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, assisted by Benedict Arnold and some Connecticut troops, quickly overran the small British garrison; although the fort itself was situated on a "useless piece of land," within lay a vast array of artillery.

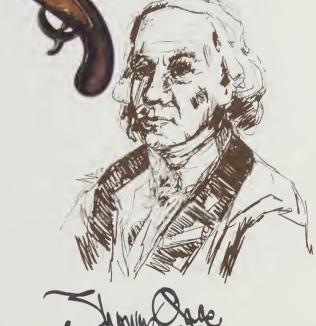
June 17, 1775, the first major encounter between British and American forces occurred above Charlestown, across the river from Boston. The Americans intended to entrench on Bunker Hill, but, in the dark, they mistakenly

dug into Breed's Hill, a
position closer to the water and
therefore to the British gunboats. Later
it was called "The Battle of
Bunker Hill," even though
little fighting
took place there.

The events of April 19, 1775, ushered a new order into America. The cautious, the moderate, the conservative elements joined with the extreme and the liberal to form a common bond. They promised to defend each other with "their lives and their fortunes."

The War had begun!

Soon the colonies of North and South Carolina were raising money and troops to join the cause. The most immediate action, however, came from Massachusetts' northern neighbors: from Connecticut, Israel Putnam brought 3,000 men, including the Governor's own foot guards led by Benedict Arnold; Rhode Island sent troops commanded by handsome Nathaniel Green; New Hampshire sent the old Indian fighter Colonel John Stark with a force of "rugged men."



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"Yes, we must indeed all hang together or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Benjamin Franklin 1776



Poor planning also sent them with no provisions for food or extended ammunition. Early in the morning General Gage ordered the gunboats to lay seige to the Hill. After an all morning shelling, the city of Charlestown was ablaze, and even seasoned troops would have been justified in giving ground. The green American troops remained, however, forcing the British troops to cross the Charles River and begin a frontal assault. Three times the Americans repelled the attack; finally, having spent their ammunition, they retreated across the small neck of the Peninsula to the safety of the mainland.

It had been a costly lesson for the British; of the 2,300 men in the assault, 1,054 were dead or wounded. Had the British chosen to cut off the retreat route, it would have been a costly blow to the American cause; however, governed as they were by the gentlemanly tradition of warfare they had known in countless wars with the French, the English chose instead to gallantly assault the entrenched Americans from the front. As a result, the British marched with honor to defeat. If victory was ever to be theirs, English generals would have to alter their tactics.

On the same day in Philadelphia the Second Continental Congress also made history. John Adams presented before the delegates his "Grand Plan" for a Continental Army, consisting of soldiers from every colony. He went on to nominate Colonel George Washington as its commanding general.

Discussion lasted two days before Thomas Jefferson, presiding that day as head of the Congress, was asked to inform George Washington, Esq. of "the unanimous vote... to be Commanding General and Commander-in-Chief of the forces to be raised in defense of American liberty."

Washington, concerned about his inexperience with such an "extensive and important trust," accepted the responsibility with humility and some reservation. "As no pecuniary consideration could have tempted me to have accepted this arduous employment . . .," he stated, "I do not wish to make a profit from it."

The Congress made one final effort in July, 1775, to settle the differences between the Crown and the colonies. The "Olive Branch" petition, as it was called, was signed by 25 of the same men who a year later would sign the Declaration of Independence. King George refused to see the bearer of this document, William Penn's grandson, Richard.

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General Washington worked through the fall of '75, reviewing his military assets and liabilities. He visited the various commanders and built confidence in his "chain of command." Recruiting was difficult because many had enlisted for only eight months and would have to be talked into re-enlisting. The only arms they had were their personal rifles. The present extent of Washington's artillery was that captured from the British at Ticonderoga, 300 wilderness miles away from Boston where it was needed.

During the December 31st attack on the citadel city of Quebec, a devastating defeat was suffered by the American armies in the north and many fine troops were wasted in the deadly cold and snow. General Richard Montgomery was killed and Colonel Benedict Arnold was wounded.

It was a demoralized force that retreated back through the ice and snow down the St. Lawrence to old Fort Ticonderoga that January, and only through the courage displayed by Arnold were they able to persevere. Later that spring the British sent a flotilla with additional men into Canada.

In Boston, General Howe quietly replaced General Gage as British Commander.

While Boston lay blockaded to the East, and the Northern armies of Benedict Arnold licked their wounds and tried to regroup after defeat, the Continental Congress debated what the next course of action should be for the colonies in their relationship with England.

Conservatives were afraid that any further talk of Independence would "mean suicide" for the colonies. They argued that it had been the English Parliament and not the King that had injured them. About this time, the Englishman Thomas Paine, newcomer to the colonies and friend of Ben Franklin, issued a pamphlet entitled "Common Sense."

Here for the first time the thoughts John Adams had voiced were articulated in every day language for everyone to read. An attack on the very institution of Royalty, "Common Sense" helped promote the idea of independence as a concept to be sought by all people.

Early in the spring of 1776, King George's message to Parliament reached the colonies. The few remaining conservative elements in Congress who believed a reconciliation was possible were most disturbed. The colonies' protest for rights was labeled a "desperate conspiracy to establish an independent empire."

England hired mercenaries from central Germany to fight in the colonies under the British flag.

The only good news that spring was that Henry Knox, with a group of teamsters and oxen, had delivered 59 excellent field pieces of every description and size to Boston after weeks of journey through treacherous snow from Fort Ticonderoga.

After one surprise bombardment, the British evacuated their troops from Boston. The Americans' joy was overshadowed by the realization that the British would return.— perhaps landing.

Accepting resolutions from the delegates of the thirteen colonies, Congress appointed a committee to draft a response to the Crown, against such time as a vote for independence should take place.

Forming the committee were John Adams, cousin of the militant Sam Adams; Benjamin Franklin, the learned doctor, printer, statesman and writer:



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Thomas Jefferson, the thirty-three year old lawyer from Virginia who brought with him a reputation for literature, science, and a happy talent for composition: Roger Sherman from Connecticut; and Robert R. Livingston of New York. The actual task of drafting the paper fell to Jefferson, who protested that he already had pressing business in Williamsburg - that of drafting a workable constitution for Virginia. The protestations were waved aside, and he was left alone to choose the words that would create a new republic. Occasionally during those "days before July," Franklin or another colleague would visit to offer a minor change. On or about the 28th of June, Jefferson copied his "rough draft," on which all later major changes were noted. The copy was presented to Congress the "First day of July,"

The Declaration was read and opened for debate. John Dickenson of Pennsylvania strongly objected to the document: "I had rather forfeit popularity forever, than vote away the blood and happiness of my countryman . . . it is like destroying our house in winter . . . before we have another

shelter." Thus argued the man who would later defend America as a private in the Continental Army, John Adams spoke later in the day, as lightning crashed and driving rain pounded the Philadelphia State House. Nature herself, it seemed, suffered the selfsame pangs as those locked in heated debate within. The following day, as more delegates arrived, the vote for independence was taken and approved. Now it remained to vote for the Declaration itself, which would explain to the world why the fight for independence was necessary.

"Tyranny, like Hell, is not easily conquered: yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict the more glorious the triumph."

Thomas Paine 1776

On this anniversary day, two hundred years ago, July 4, 1776, a bellman was waiting in the steeple of the red brick State House for a signal from a boy stationed at the door below. On the bell was an inscription from Leviticus: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof'. Early in the evening, the boy clapped his hands and shouted, "Ring! Ring!"

It was a jubilant sound signaling the colonies' proclamation of freedom, yet doleful in its warning of the dangers which lay ahead. A new nation would now have to earn its declared freedom. To do so its citizens pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.



IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of Gretten united States of America,







